

his nomination. That was perfectly proper. In a Republican convention. There may be a more serious argument, and one with more logical basis, touching, perhaps, upon the moral side of the man's character, but surely no true organization man in the Republican party will impugn the motive of a worker who reaches across the border of his county, writes a proxy from a district in another county, where no delegate was elected and then gaily jumps into the convention arena with all the power and prestige of a real delegate.

If this be the basis of Harry Joseph's objection to his successful opponent he might extend his activity still further and show resentment of the method by which the nomination of Mr. Taft was brought about.

#### EDUCATING THE PEOPLE.

IF the present campaign of the Progressives accomplishes no other purpose, it will at least have aroused the public conscience to the necessity for disinfecting the political procedure of our day. Many of the relics of political barbarism which still obtain in such politically backward states as Utah are fast being swept into the limbo by the new order, but not until the people are thoroughly aroused will this state shake off the fetters that have held the people slave-bound to the bi-partisan interests.

Some of the light that has been shed upon Utah has penetrated even the sordid depths of the Republican party, as witness the concessions made to the "hue and cry" by the legislative platform in Salt Lake county. The Republican party pledges its candidates, if elected, to pass a direct primary law. Think of that! It pledges them to create a public service commission and to stop the practice of giving passes.

It wasn't to be expected that the party organ would become so inconsistent as to endorse that platform. In fact, the party organ refuses to abide by the will of the majority within its own party, and actually bolts the program. Here's a chance to start a little movement with a meaning all its own.

The Republican county legislative ticket hasn't any more idea of passing or helping to pass a railroad commission law than it has of declaring for the initiative and referendum. Nor will it get the opportunity to repudiate its solemn pledge, for there is indeed slight danger of the election of that ticket.

It is gratifying to know that the Progressives are making such progress in their campaign of education. The enlightenment that has come to Utah by a Republican or Democratic slant in the past has been dim indeed; but now with a goodly measure of men and women from both of the old parties uniting their energies and their efforts toward the common uplift, it is not surprising that either or both of the old parties should decide that it is time for the worm to turn.

The coarse vulgarity with which the Republican legislative platform in Salt Lake county favors the recall

when applied to the city commissioners, and to them only, is a certain sign of weakness in the argument that the recall is dangerous. Used that way, it is. We are in favor of the recall for all public officers.

#### PROTECT THE "INTERESTS."

THE standpat organ of the Republican party in the state of Utah says "The influence and pressure which the business interests can bring to bear upon the representatives of the people in legislative session assembled guarantees that their rights will be conserved and that such proper assistance as may come from the state will be promptly and cheerfully furnished."

How sadly out of touch with the situation must be the organ of the fading Republican party!

Can we not elect legislators who are pledged to do something for the people, instead of electing men and women to the legislature who content themselves only with serving the business interests?

Is there nothing in the way of social justice to be done?

#### THE PROGRESSIVE PLATFORM.

##### The Immigrant.

OVER a million immigrants enter our ports every year. Uncle Sam counts their money at Ellis Island to see if they have \$25, looks them over for disease, pushes open his door, pushes them through, and bids them fend for themselves, says the Chicago Tribune.

Dumb, ignorant, poor, in a strange, great land of whose language, customs, license they can comprehend nothing except that it is not like the place which was described to them by steamship agents and steamship companies, they herd together like frightened cattle and make the slums because the slums are cheap to make.

In these alien cities within our greater cities they become the simple victims of their stronger countrymen who preceded them here, with whom they share the bond of tongue. As labor agents offering work, as private bankers promising security, these sharpers prey upon their recently come compatriots, warning them against America and Americans to keep them more safely in their own hands.

Most of the immigrants have come from the agricultural districts of the old country. They would make good farmers here, and good farmers are needed here. But the labor agents and private bankers discourage that. They wish to keep the new immigrants feasting in the slums under their hands to gouge.

There are a million of these immigrants a year. They are the parents of millions of Americans yet unborn. They are a problem pregnant and portentous.

What has the Republican platform to say on this problem? Nothing. It does, indeed, suggest "the enactment of appropriate laws to give relief from the constantly growing evil of induced or undesirable immigration which is inimical to the progress and welfare

of the people of the United States." But as to what's to be done with the million a year who do come and have been coming, no words at all.

What has the Democratic platform to say on this problem? Nothing whatever. Any more than it has words to say on child labor, eight-hour day for wage-earning women, initiative, referendum, recall, tariff commission.

What has the Progressive platform to say on this problem? The following:

"Through the establishment of industrial standards we propose to secure to the able-bodied immigrant and to his native fellow workers a larger share of American opportunity.

"We denounce the fatal policy of indifference and neglect which has left our enormous immigrant population to become the prey of chance and cupidity. We favor governmental action to encourage the distribution of immigrants away from the congested cities, rigidly to supervise all private agencies dealing with them, and to promote their assimilation, education, and advancement."

It is a statement and a purpose, wise, prophetic, human.

#### ROOT'S CONSCIENCE.

SENATOR ELIHU ROOT, of New York, presided at the convention which re-nominated Taft for president and controlled and directed the forces accomplishing the theft. It was he who was dominant in the fight against Roosevelt. What sincerity is his? What must be in the man's heart of hearts? Here is his declaration as made in 1904, in an address before the Union League club of New York:

"I count it, my friends, as one of the greatest privileges of my life to have been able in that day of our great sorrow, when our lamented President McKinley was carried away, to have been able to stand by and hold up the hands of his true and loyal successor, Theodore Roosevelt. Men say he is not safe. He is not safe for the men who wish to prosecute selfish schemes for the public detriment, but I say to you that he has been, these years since President McKinley's death, the greatest conservative force for the protection of property and our institutions in the city of Washington. I would rather have my boys taught to admire as the finest thing in our life the honesty and frankness, the truth and loyalty, the honor and devotion of Theodore Roosevelt than to have all the wealth of this great metropolis. The work of President Roosevelt has more weight for good in this land than that of any score, or all of his detractors put together."

#### BORAH'S ATTITUDE.

THE organ of the Republican party in Utah, which by no means supports that party's candidates in this state, and which doesn't pretend to, makes the silly charge that Senator Borah of Idaho has said he will support neither Roosevelt nor Taft.

What Borah really said was that

he would support Roosevelt but would not support the Progressive ticket in Idaho.

There can be no question about that.

Is the editor of the Herald-Republican ignorant or does he maliciously misrepresent the facts?

It is one thing to lack ordinary intelligence and another to lack the faculty for telling the truth when it would serve just as good a purpose as to tell a lie.

Now that the 1912 conventions are practically over, we can get a running start in preparation for those that are to come next year.

The early opening of the Panama canal will make California's Panama canal exposition seem an accessory a long time after the fact.

That eminent physical culturist, John L. Sullivan, still has enough red blood in his veins to be an enthusiastic rooter for the colonel.

If some Utah Democrat had the honesty of Woodrow Wilson he no doubt would say of the Progressive state ticket: "It's an admirable ticket and an admirable platform. It will put us on our mettle."

Among other indications that autumn is upon us may be noted those little reminders you are receiving from your tailor to the effect that his new styles in woollens for fall and winter have arrived and are ready for your inspection.

Collier's bifurcated attitude on the presidential fence seems as inconsistent as it is awkward. Yet Collier's is looking for the best of everything, as is evidenced by that journal's refusal to accept as genuine any of the tainted promises of the Taft machine.

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